Good afternoon,

It’s summer and the last thing any of us want to think about is homework. At least that was the case back when we were all in school and the summer months meant a certain sense of freedom and a special carefree quality of life! While those days are in the rear view mirror now, I do hope you are enjoying your summer complete with the activities that you and your family most enjoy.

On that topic of homework assignments, I did want to provide a brief reminder that we have now entered the window of time in which our annual mandatory education training is open. As many of you already know, Care New England maintains a system-wide core curriculum for annual mandatory education, also known as mandatories, through the HealthStream learning management system.

This core curriculum applies to all CNE operating units and includes modules in the following subject areas: Safety, Quality, Risk, Infection Prevention and Control, Human Resources, HIPAA & Compliance, and Environment of Care.

These mandatories are paramount to our continued success as an organization, and a reminder for us all to never stop learning, be it in our professional or personal lives. They also represent key subject matters that ensure we all are current on the latest requirements and learning standards that we are responsible for as both a system and as employees of CNE.

Most courses will include a pre-assessment to provide workforce members with strong existing knowledge of a subject area the opportunity to “test out” of a course if passed with an 80 percent or higher on the first attempt. While this may be new information for some, it also creates an opportunity for others to refresh their knowledge in a particular area.

These mandatories may also include some operating unit-specific or role-based courses not included in the system-wide core curriculum that will be assigned separately. For example, Butler Hospital will continue its practice of conducting an annual Education Fair, covering the same curriculum.
The core curriculum has been assigned on June 1, 2019 with a completion date of November 30, 2019. That may seem like a long way off but I strongly suggest that you pace yourself, as there are still five months left to complete all assignments. They do take some time, careful thought, attention, and reflection.

If you have questions regarding HealthStream or your annual mandatory education assignment, please contact TeamHS@CareNE.org; or if you are experiencing technical difficulties logging into HealthStream or need your password reset, please contact the help desk at (401) 921-1000 (ext. 11000 internally) or HelpDesk@CareNE.org.

Thanks and have a great week!

Sincerely,

James E. Fanale, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer

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He completed his plastic surgery residency at Rhode Island Hospital in 2011 and that same year obtained his master’s in business administration from the University of Rhode Island. In 2012, Dr. Hoy completed an aesthetic/reconstructive breast fellowship at Maxwell Aesthetics, LLC in Nashville, TN, with the developer of the newest generation “gummy bear” breast implant.

Prior to joining Care New England in 2016, Dr. Hoy worked as a plastic surgeon for Premier Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery in Newark, DE and United Health Systems in Binghamton, NY.

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Kate McCleary, MD, has recently been named the first ever director of family medicine at Women & Infant’s Hospital. Dr. McCleary is a graduate of New York Medical College and completed her residency in Family Medicine at Brown University in 2011 and served as maternal child health chief resident. She then completed a fellowship in Maternal Child Health at Brown in 2012, after which she joined the department of Family Medicine and her current practice. Dr. McCleary has been a leader in Family Medicine clinically, educationally, and organizationally. She has been among the vanguard of FM-MCH physicians who started the Family Medicine service at Women & Infants. She also serves on the Women & Infants Credentialing Committee and the Medical Executive Committee, as well as being a founding member of the Board of Directors for the CNE Medical Group, and vice-chair of the CNEMG Medical Quality and Practice Committee. She has been the medical director at her practice since 2013 and is a clinical assistant professor at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Robert Insoft, MD, senior vice president and chief medical officer, stated, “Family Medicine has an ever growing presence here at Women & Infants since being established in 2016. Dr. McCleary is a superb clinician and has established herself as a preeminent leader who has worked collaboratively with all aspects of hospital operations.”
Brandon Gaudiano, PhD, appointed to the Advisory Steering Committee

Brandon Gaudiano, PhD, Butler Hospital, Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior and Behavioral and Social Sciences, Brown University, has been appointed by the American Psychological Association (APA) board of directors to the Advisory Steering Committee for Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines. The Advisory Steering Committee plays a central role in ensuring that APA guidelines will be scientifically rigorous and help advance effective mental health care for a diverse population.

Amber Latronica, MA, CCRP, named director of the Women & Infant’s Hospital Institutional Review Board

Amber Latronica, MA, CCRP, has recently been named the director of the Women & Infant’s Hospital Institutional Review Board (IRB) by Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Robert Insoft, MD. Amber has extensive experience in the field of research and most recently served as the research systems and compliance specialist for the Women & Infants IRB. Within this role she was responsible for reviewing and analyzing research protocols, informed consent forms, and other regulatory documentation for completeness as well as compliance with federal, state, and institutional regulations and/or policies, developing and delivering education related to federal and state regulatory and institutional research policies for researchers and IRB committee members, and providing training assistance to the hospital research community on IRB submission requirements and the electronic submission system (IRBNet).

Kent Hospital holds 22nd Annual Golf Tournament

Kent Hospital Auxiliary’s largest fundraising event, the 22nd Annual Golf Tournament, was held on Monday, July 8, 2019 at Potowomut Golf Club located in the scenic Potowomut section of Warwick, RI. The weather was perfect and the course was spectacular! At the event, participants were treated to a deli lunch followed by a round of golf, dinner, raffle prizes, and a silent auction. Once again, we were delighted to have Frank Carpano, sports anchor, WJAR-10, as our special celebrity luncheon guest.

While the official number is still being finalized, this year’s tournament raised approximately $30,000. This year’s proceeds will be used to make necessary improvements and upgrades to Kent Hospital’s main entrance and concourse. Thank you to all of our volunteers for their hard and dedication to making this year’s event a success.

Mark your calendars for the 23rd Annual Kent Hospital Auxiliary Golf Tournament, Monday, July 6, 2020!
Women & Infants and the national non-profit organization Swim Across America (SAA) will make waves in the fight against cancer with the tenth annual SAA Rhode Island Swim. This year, we hope to surpass the one million dollar total to support oncology research in Women & Infants’ Center for Biomarkers and Emerging Technologies (CBET), an initiative of the Program in Women’s Oncology, and the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Bring your friends and family, we are happy to have any volunteers who are at least 12 years old and are interested in helping or may need community service hours! Every volunteer gets a t-shirt, breakfast, lunch, and the chance to support cancer research and cancer survivors across Rhode Island. Another way to get involved is through the Women & Infants Swim with the Doctors team, “One Fin Tuna” led by David Edmonson, MD, this years’ team captain. To sign up or learn more about this truly inspirational event, contact Ivan Colon at (401) 921-8509 oricolon@carene.org. Register for the event online at swimacrossamerica.org/site/TR/OpenWater/RhodeIsland?pg=entry&fr_id=5105.

Save the date! Swim Across America | Saturday, September 7, 2019 | 8 a.m. Roger Wheeler State Beach